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April 6, '995

The following items, adopted April 5 at the Commission meeting, were released later that day:

NEWS RELEASES

FCC AMENDS ITS RULES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES FOR CORDLESS TELEPHONES - ET DOCKET 94-235 (Report DC 95-53, Action in Docket Case)

Today, the Commission made 15 new channel pairs available for use by cordless telephones in order to alleviate congestion on existing channels.

News Media contacts: Audrey Spivack and Kara Casey at (202) 418-0500; Office of Engineering and Technology contact: Anthony Serafini at (202) 776-1628. [Internet file name: nret5007.txt] FX ID #2881

FCC PROPOSES RULES FOR CMRS RESALE; DECLINES TO PROPOSE RULES FOR CMRS INTERCONNECTION AT THIS TIME - CC DOCKET 94-54 (Report DC 95-55, Action in Docket Case)

In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted today, the Commission has tentatively concluded that imposing a resale obligation on most commercial Mobile Radio service providers would be in the public interest.

Action by the Commission April 5 by NPRM (FCC 95-149).

News Media contact: Stacey Reuben Mesa at (202) 418-0654; Wireless Telecommunications Bureau contacts: Judy Argentieri (resale, reseller switch) at (202) 418-1361; Barbara Espin (interconnection, roaming) at (202) 418-1546. [Internet file name: nrwl5011.txt] FX ID # 2762

COMMISSION PROPOSES MORE SPECIFIC RULES TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S TV - MM DOCKET 93-48 (Report DC 95-49, Action in Docket Case)

Based on the results of its 1993 inquiry and 1994 en banc hearing on the effectiveness of its children's television programming regulations, the Commission proposed to make certain changes to facilitate licensee compliance with the Children's Television Act of 1990, and to implement the Act more effectively.

Action by the Commission April 5 by NPRM (FCC 95-143).

News Media contact: Audrey Spivack and Rosemary Kimball at (202) 418-0500; Mass Media Bureau contact: Diane Conley at (202) 776-1653. [Internet file name: nrmm5049.txt] FX ID # 2168

COMMENTS SOUGHT ON NOVEMBER 1995

EXPIRATION OF FIN/SYN RULES - MM DOCKET

95-39 (Report DC 95-54, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment concerning the remaining financial interest and syndication rules prior to their scheduled expiration.

Action by the Commission April 5 by NPRM (FCC 95-144).

News Media contacts: Audrey Spivack and Rosemary Kimball at (202) 418-0500; Mass Media Bureau contact: Charles W. Logan at (202) 776-1653. [Internet file name: nrmm5050.txt] FX ID # 2169

FCC EXAMINES BROADCAST TELEVISION

NETWORK AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS - MM

DOCKET 95-40 (Report DC 95-50, Action in Docket Case)

Today, the FCC initiated a proceeding proposing to eliminate its rules requiring the filing of network affiliation contracts.

Action by the Commission April 5 by NPRM (FCC 95-145).

News Media contacts: Audrey Spivack and Kara Casey at (202) 418-0500; Mass Media Bureau contact: Robert Kieschnick at (202) 739-0770 or Paul Gordon at (202) 776-1653. [Internet file name: nrmm5051.txt] FX ID # 2170

FCC PROPOSES TO INCREASE SATELLITE

COMPETITION AND SIMPLIFY LICENSING RULES

(Report DC 95-51, Action in Docket Case)

Today, the FCC proposed to eliminate regulatory restrictions on the extent to which international satellite operators provide domestic service and domestic satellite operators provide international service, paving the way for greater competition in satellite services.

Action by the Commission April 5 by NPRM (FCC 95-146).

News Media contact: Audrey Spivack or Kara Casey at (202) 418-0500; International Bureau contact: John Coles at (202) 739-0731. [Internet file name: nrin5010.txt] FX ID # 2880

COMMISSION UPHOLDS CABLE TELEVISION

CHANNEL OCCUPANCY RULES - MM DOCKET 92-

264 (Report DC 95-52, Action in Docket Case)

Action by the Commission April 5 by MO&O (FCC 95-147).

News Media contact: Morgan Broman at (202) 416-0852; Cable Services Bureau contacts: Rick Chesen, Kathy Franco, Nancy Stevenson at (202) 416-0800. [Internet file name: nrcb5008.txt] FX ID # 2324

The following items were dated and released April 6:

NEWS RELEASE

Report CI 95-2 - COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION
ACTIONS - HIGH PROFILE FIELD ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC NOTICES

FCC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE -

Contact: Jordan Brinn at (302) 418-0507; email: jbrinn@fcc.gov.

HOW TO GET FCC DOCUMENTS FROM THE

INTERNET BY FILE TRANSFER PROTOCOL - Contact:

Jordan Brinn at (202) 418-0507; email : jbrinn@fcc.gov.

BELL ATLANTIC PETITIONS FOR EXPEDITED

WAIVER OF PART 69 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED - Comments are due

April 20; replies April 27 - Contact: Wanda M. Harris at (202) 418-1530. [DA 95-747]

Report 3531 - CABLE TELEVISION ACTIONS

Report 16151 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

Report 22124 - BROADCAST ACTIONS

SPEECH

CHAIRMAN REED E. HUNDT, FEDERAL

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION BEFORE THE

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ANTITRUST

SECTION, SPRING MEETING - APRIL 6, 1995 FX ID

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TEXTS

REQUEST FOR CARRIAGE. Denied complaint filed by Bridgeways Communications Corporation, licensee of television station WHAI, Bridgeport, CT, against Comcast Cablevision of Danbury seeking carriage on Comcast's cable television system serving Danbury, CT, and associated communities. (By MO&O [DA 95-675] adopted March 30 by the Cable Services Bureau)

VICTORIA, TX. Granted applications for assignment for license of KNAL(AM), from Hombres Enterprises, Inc to Withers Broadcasting Company of Texas. (By MO&O [FCC 95-125] adopted March 24 by the Commission)

BELL ATLANTIC TELEPHONE COMPANIES. Granted request for waiver filed by Bell Atlantic Telephone Companies to introduce a rate structure and tariff rate elements for video dialtone service in a limited market trial in Northern Virginia. (By Order [DA 95-745] adopted April 5 by the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau)

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE

COMPANY. Granted request filed by the Southern New

England Telephone Company and extended to April 28

time for filing replies in the proceeding involving VDT

application. (By Order [DA 95-746] adopted April 6 by the Chief, Tariff division, Common Carrier Bureau)

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS. Extended scope of

delegated authority to Chief, Compliance and Information Bureau to issue subpoenas. (By Order (FCC 95-112) adopted March 14 by the Commission)

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS EUROPE, LTD. Granted application filed by International Telecommunications Europe, Ltd. for authority to resell the switched and private line services of other common carriers. (By OA&C [DA 95-697] adopted March 31 by the Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau)

INTEX TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. Granted application filed by Intex Telecommunications, Inc. for authority to acquire and operate facilities for service between the United States and Honduras. (By OA&C [DA 95-698] adopted March 29 by the Chief, Telecommunications Division)

1992 CABLE ACT - VERTICAL OWNERSHIP LIMITS.
See seventh item under "News Releases" released April 5.

LEC COMMON LINE FACILITIES. Denied request filed by the State of New York Department of Public Service and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners seeking an extension of time for filing comments in the matter of Unbundling of Local Exchange Carrier Common Line Facilities. (RM-8614) By Order [DA 95-744] adopted April 5 by the Chief, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

ADDENDA: The following items, released April 5, were not listed on Digest 64:

PUBLIC NOTICES

FREEZE ON THE FILING OF 800 MHZ INTER-CATEGORY APPLICATIONS - Contact: Freda Lippert Thyden at (202) 418-0627 [DA 95-741]

Report 1202 - CABLE TELEVISION RELAY SERVICE (CARS) APPLICATIONS RE: APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report 3530 - CABLE TELEVISIONS ACTIONS

Report 16150 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

Report 22123 - BROADCAST ACTIONS

Report DS-1520 - SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INFORMATION RE: SATELLITE RADIO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Report DS-1521 - COMMON CARRIER DOMESTIC FIXED SATELLITE SERVICE

Report DS-1522 - COMMON CARRIER DOMESTIC FIXED SATELLITE SERVICE

Report D-794-A - COMMON CARRIER DOMESTIC
FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

Report 1129 - WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
BUREAU PART 21 RECEIPTS AND DISPOSAL: March
22 thru March 29

Report NCS-95-19 - WIRELESS NARROWBAND
COMMERCIAL RADIO BRANCH INFORMATION

Report NCS-95-19-A - WIRELESS NARROWBAND
COMMERCIAL RADIO BRANCH INFORMATION

TEXTS

FIN/SYN. See fourth item under "News Releases" released
April 5.

NETWORK AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS. See fifth
item under "News Releases" released April 5.

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ADDITIONAL CABLE ITEMS FOR THE
DAILY DIGEST

Released April 6, 1995

CABLE RATE ORDERS. Denied complaints filed against
Comcast concerning its charges for cable programming
service tiers in City of Walterboro, SC [DA 95-687];
Township of Lower Merion, PA [DA 95-688]; Town of
Lantana, FL [DA 95-689]; Little Rock, AR [DA 95-690];
City of Hanahan, SC [DA 95-691]; and Venice, FL [DA
95-692]. (By MO&Os [DA 95-687 thru 692] adopted
March 31 by the Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

VENTURA COUNTY CABLEVISION. Dismissed
complaints filed against it concerning charges for cable
programming service tiers in Moorpark, CA (By MO&O
[DA 95-693] adopted March 31 by the Deputy Chief, Cable
Services Bureau)

COX CABLE UNIVERSITY CITY, INC. Granted the
complaints against the cable programming service price
charged by Cox Cable University City in Alachua County,
Florida, and all other complaints relating to the same price.
(By MO&O [DA 95-696] adopted March 31, 1995 by the
Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

TCI OF GREENSBURG. Remanded appeal of local rate
order, holding that franchising authority lost authority to
issue refunds based on Form 393 and operator must be
permitted to charge its maximum permitted rates in North
Huntingdon, PA. (By Order [DA 95-735], adopted April 4
by Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

APPEAL ORDER. Remanded appeal by UltraCom of Marple, Inc. of local cable rate order regarding zero rate prescription adopted by local franchising authority, Township of Haverford, Pennsylvania, back to local franchising authority for resolution in accordance with terms in order. (By Order [DA95-736] adopted on April 4, 1995 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

APPEAL ORDER. Denied, in part, appeal by United Artists Cable of Baltimore of local cable rate order adopted by local franchising authority, the City of Baltimore, Maryland, with respect to issue regarding the regulatory status of operator's VCR installations and issue regarding refund plans; case is remanded to local franchising authority for resolution of issue regarding franchise fee itemization and franchise fee calculation, and issue regarding the regulatory status of operator's A/B switches; and dismissed as moot issue regarding operator's permitted charges for converter boxes and remote controls. (By Order [DA 95-737] adopted on April 4, 1995 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

TCI OF WEST MICHIGAN. Granted motion by TCI to withdraw its appeal of the local order adopted by the local franchising authority for several communities in Michigan. The appeal is dismissed. (By Order [DA95-738] adopted April 4 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)